

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 6 and 8-10 have been amended. Claims 7 and 14-17 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments to Claims 6 and 8-10 prior to further examination. No new matter has been introduced.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Examiner stated that claims 7-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 6 has been amended and to include the limitations of claim 7 and is therefore allowable. Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 6 and is therefore allowable. Claims 9-13 depend from allowable base claims and are also allowable.

Regarding Declaration Objection

A supplemental declaration is being submitted concurrently to correct deficiencies in the original declaration as suggested by the examiner. Acceptance of the supplemental declaration is respectfully requested.

Regarding Specification Objections

The Specification has been amended to delete word "using" (page 4, line 20) as suggested by the examiner.

The Specification has been amended to change the word "screws 84" (page 6, line 11) to the word "screws 82" as suggested by the examiner.

The Specification has been amended to change the word "bolts 82" (page 8, line 12) to the word "bolts 84" as suggested by the examiner.

Regarding Claim Objections

Claims 7 and 17 have been canceled.

Regarding Section 102 Rejections

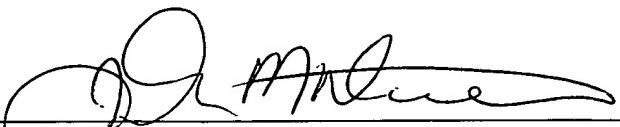
Claims 6 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Stevens (U.S. Patent No. 3,221,371). Claim 6 has been amended to correct antecedent basis deficiencies for “the non-circular cross-sectional profile.” Applicants disagrees that Stevens provides for movement of the first adjustment plate being restricted to prevent rotation relative to the bushing plate. However, claim 6 has been amended and to include the limitations of claim 7 and is allowable. Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 6 and is allowable. Claims 9-13 depend from allowable base claims and are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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